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DEPT FOR E/OA STYLES & BROWN

ROME FOR RCAA

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOL-USG BILATERAL AIR CONSULTATIONS

1. TMA CHAIRMAN ABU HAIDAR IN MEETING WITH RCAA DWOR
AUGUST 18 STATED THAT HE (ABU HAIDAR) HAS BEEN HOLDING
CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GOL PRESIDENT ELIAS SARKIS
WHICH INDICATE GOL WOULD PROBABLY ACCEPT PRINCIPLE OF
INTRODUCTION PAN AM DAILY SCHEDULED BOEING 747 OPERATIONS
LONDON-BEIRUT, PROVIDED THAT USG WOULD GIVE COMMITMENT
(PROBABLY CONFIDENTIAL SIDE-LETTER) THAT PAN AM WOULD LIMIT
ITS SCHEDULED OPERATIONS TO MAXIMUM OF TWO TO THREE LON-BEI 747
ROUNDTrip NON-STOPs WEEKLY AND BALANCE ONE-STOPs.

2. ACCORDING TO ABU HAIDAR, WHO INDICATES THAT MEA AND
DGCA ARE UNAWARE OF HIS TALKS WITH PRESIDENT, IF USG
DELEGATION SURFACES THIS PROPOSAL TO GOL DELEGATION AT
FORTHCOMING TALKs, DELEGATION HEAD DGCA BEYDOUN WOULD
REFER TO GOL FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND, DESPITE ANY
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MEA OBJECTIONS, GOL WOULD ORDER ACCEPTANCE AS QUID-PRO-
QUO TO USG ADEQUATELY MEETING TMA SCHEDULED FREQUENCY
REQUIREMENTS BEIRUT-NEW YORK (PRESUMABLY SEVEN ROUND
TRIPS WEEKLY).

4. ABU HAIDAR HAS REQUESTED SUBSTANCE ABOVE BE RELAYED
TO DIRECTOR OFFICE AVIATION STYLES AND NEGOTIATIONS CHIEF

BROWN FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION AND EARLY INDICATION THROUGH THIS EMBASSY WHETHER OR NOT THIS COMPROMISE SOLUTION MIGHT RESOLVE CONFLICT IN USG-GOL CIVIL AIR REQUIREMENTS.

5. FYI: RCAA AND EMBASSY NOTE THAT TMA WAS PRIME MOVER IN REQUESTING SEPTEMBER 6 TALKS AND THAT DGCA BEYDOUN AND MEA HAVE VERY RELUCTANTLY AND PESSIMISTICALLY TAGGED ALONG. ALSO, MEA MANAGING DIRECTOR ASSAD NASR, IN MEETING WITH RCAA AUGUST 18, INDICATED DAILY SCHEDULED PAN AM BOEING 747 ONE-STOP OPERATIONS LONDON-BEIRUT PRESENTS NO PROBLEM TO MEA, PROVIDED UK LIFTS PRESENT 180-SEAT RESTRICTION ON ANY MEA SCHEDULED 747 OPERATIONS UK-LEBANON.
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